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SUBJECT: (S) GERMAN RESPONSE CONCERNING EXPORT OF WELDING
MACHINE TO IRANIAN MISSILE PROCUREMENT AGENT

REF: A. BERLIN 1468
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Classified By: Global Affairs Counselor Donald R. Shemanski
for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (S) German MFA Export Control Division Desk Officer Wiebke Wacker delivered a German-language nonpaper to Global Affairs officer September 19. The nonpaper responds to ref B demarche informing German authorities that the German firm Trumpf GmbH & Co., working with Ireland's Mac Aviation Group, offered a model TLC-1005 five-axis laser cutting and welding machine to Iran's Ariasa AG. Wacker said officials from the German Federal Office of Economics and Export Controls (BAFA) had sensitized Trumpf representatives to the case. She stated the firm subsequently stopped processing the order.

[1](#)2. (S) Begin text of informal Embassy translation of German nonpaper:

With reference to your nonpaper of July 19, 2007 concerning the export of a five-axis laser cutting and welding machine by the German firm Trumpf from Germany via Ireland and Malaysia to Iran, we take this opportunity to bring the following information to the attention of the U.S. authorities:

-- We thank you for the information in connection with the proposed delivery of a welding machine by the German firm Trumpf via Ireland and Malaysia to the Iranian firm Ariasa AG.

-- The Trumpf firm was sensitized by BAFA officials. The firm confirmed the existence of a related inquiry, which came from the firm IIT Trading Group, probably acting on behalf of Mac Aviation Group. The inquiry was presented to TGB, an Irish subsidiary of Trumpf. According to information provided to Trumpf, the machine was intended for use by Mac Aviation in Malaysia.

-- German authorities' communication and contact records indicate that the Trumpf firm has not to date communicated with Iranian entities.

-- Trumpf has stopped processing the order and assured BAFA it will apply for an export license in the event the firm pursues the matter further.

We look forward to continuing our excellent cooperation in the field of export controls.

End text of informal Embassy translation of German nonpaper.
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